

MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S
AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS
NOVEMBER 13, 2024

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of **October 9, 2024**, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated November 7, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 9:04 AM by Board Chairman Bryant, who noted the Open Meetings Law, which is posted on the North wall of the meeting room. Members John Bryant and Brett Nason were present. Also present were the Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, road worker Ed Black and the County Clerk Kathy Hoberg. Nason moved to excuse Jeff Arensdorf and County Attorney, Whitney Schroeder, due to illness. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason and Bryant. Voting Nay: None. Bryant moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Nason made a motion to approve the following claims as presented. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

GENERAL		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	27,227.90
Ameritas	Retirement	1655.90
Applied Connective	IT Consultant	3092.59
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	11104.88
Brouillette Troshynski	Court App Atty	512.50
John Bryant	Mileage	123.95
Custer Public Power	Lights/Electricity	545.90
DAS ST. Accounting	Computer Expenses	172.00
Datashield	Shredding	107.62
Eakes Office Plus	Supplies	55.30
Fairfield Inn	Workshop	123.95
First Concord Benefits	Deductible Buy-Down	32.00
Great Plains Comm	Telephone/Internet	541.06
Great Plains Comm	Emergency Mngmt	57.96
Heartland Sprinkler Systems	Grounds Upkeep	90.00
Katherine Hoberg	Mileage	234.50
Ideal Linen	Supplies	276.32
IRS	SS/Medicare	2,014.06
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	1,908.22
NACO	Convention/Dues	1,317.08
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel	612.81
North Platte Hardware	Supplies	10.99
Whitney Schroeder	Mileage	104.52
Stapleton Enterprise	Printing/Publishing	1,219.90
Trugreen	Grounds Upkeep	80.00
US Bank	Supplies/Expenses	727.68
Verizon	County Court Phone	53.92
Viaero	Sheriff Phone	134.32
Village of Stapleton	Garbage Disposal	12,000.00

ROAD		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	13,780.35
Ace Hardware	Supplies	189.98
Ameritas	Retirement	862.67
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	2766.04
Richard Burnside	Clay	195.00
Croell Inc.	Gravel	11,722.91
Custom Products Corp.	Safety Supplies	111.02
Dawson Tire & Wheel	Equipment Repairs	140.09
First Concord Benefits	Deductible Buy-Down	16.00

Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	107.37
Inland Truck Parts	Equipment Repairs	10,587.52
IRS	County Share SS/Med	1,051.83
McPherson Co.		
Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	2,515.00
Medical Enterprises Inc	Drug Testing	35.00
Michael Todd Industrial	Signs	200.70
Midlands Occupational Med	Drug Testing	20.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	7,058.10
Paulson Inc	Concrete	1,346.75
Stapleton Enterprise	Publish Bid	324.00
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00
Titan Machinery	Equipment Repairs	515.20
Troyer Enterprises	Shop Supplies	199.62
Dale White	Safety Supplies	410.00
FAIR		
Ideal Linen	Supplies	79.90
SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM		
Prairie Hills Café	Senior Meals	4,356.00

Eric Seacrest, Executive Director of the Mid Nebraska Community Foundation, was present and visited with the board. Mr. Seacrest answered questions and gave pamphlets to the commissioners concerning the Childers Fund. There are funds available to the county through a Betterment Grant Application process.

At 9:45 AM, the board opened one sealed bid which was received for the Prairie Trace Road Project. The bid was submitted by Level LLC, for an amount of \$55,000.00. Nason made a motion to accept the bid. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

John Bryant, Chairman of the Board, signed road easements for a road located at 201 S. Tryon Road.

Ed Black reported that the Road crew has been doing maintenance on roads and replacing signs. The road employees have also been completing safety upgrades in the shop.

Bryant made a motion to approve the November Road Plan as presented. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Nason moved to approve, adopt, and sign **RESOLUTION # 2024-17** authorizing John Bryant to sign the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

Nason moved to approve, adopt and sign **RESOLUTION # 2024-16** Naming Henderson State Bank as one of the depositories for the funds of McPherson County. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

The commissioners received and reviewed the Fund Balance Report as presented by the Treasurer. The board signed the Third Quarter Fee Report which was presented by the Sheriff.

A Safety Committee meeting was held. Those present were Tom Werblow, John Bryant, Brett Nason, Ed Black, Kerri Kramer and Kathy Hoberg. Werblow gave flyers and a presentation titled *The Dangers of Cold, Wintry Weather*.

There was a discussion about a dead tree which needs to be removed Southwest of the courthouse. Bryant made a motion to have Brett Nason contact tree removal services regarding the project. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

The commissioners received and read a letter from Prairie Hills Café, informing them that the café will cease serving senior meals effective December 31, 2024. The letter states that the café can no longer keep up with paperwork and mandates required from West Central Area Agency on Aging. The commissioners acknowledged the letter and would like to thank Prairie Hills Café for their service to the community.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 AM.

The commissioners will meet again on **December 11, 2024**, at 9:00 AM. This meeting will be held in the McPherson County Courthouse in Tryon and will be open to the public.

Katherine E. Hoberg
McPherson County Clerk

John E. Bryant
McPherson County Board Chairman